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will need to be judgmental since "community," "extreme shortage" and "critical community service," and "direct medical care" are not defined. Because of the lack of definition, a great amount of objective and analytical judgment will be required, and the advice and guidance of the county medical association and the state medical association may be needed. A procedure exists for review

by state medical advisory committees, which in the past had systems to obtain advice from senior physicians and other sources in almost every county in the state in an organized and systematic manner.

The majority of the physicians for this call will come from the metropolitan areas and some hospitals will lose residents.

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